

Holiday ARTS Guide

For
Montgomery County!



Music & Song

DEC 2—**Odeon Winds, Holiday Concert.** 8pm. \$13-\$19. Musical Arts International, Inc. at Calvary Lutheran Church, Silver Spring. 301-933-3715.

DEC 3, 9, 10, 14—**A Celtic Christmas** with Robin Bullock, Ken Kolodner and Wendy Lanxner playing ancient Celtic melodies and yuletide favorites (12/3, 2pm & 5pm); **Alexandria Kleztet**, jazz influenced klezmer music (12/9, 8pm); **Cantate Chamber Singers**, a cappella and choral works (12/10, 3pm); **A Folksy Holiday Nog** with the Kennedys, Sloan Wainwright, and Gandalf Murphy and the Slambovian Circus of Dreams (12/14, 7:30pm). \$20 and up. BlackRock Center for the Arts, Germantown. 301-528-2260.

DEC 3—**Feliz Navidad! Carols & Parrandas.** Latin American Christmas carols and “parrandas” featuring The Beltway Brass Quintet. 5pm. From \$15. Coral Cantigas at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, Bethesda. 301-424-8296.

DEC 6, 13, 17, 20—**Cantare's ¡Feliz Navidad!**—Latin American Holiday Celebration with stories and songs (12/6, 7:30pm). **Brooke Evers**, soprano—a holiday recital with Christmas favorites (12/13, 7:30pm). **Alexandria Kleztet**, a variety of Klezmer, Yiddish, Hebrew, and Israeli standards (12/20, 7:30pm). Call for ticket prices. The Mansion at Strathmore in N. Bethesda. 301-581-5100.

The Nutcracker

DEC 2-JAN 13—**Classika Theatre** re-creates this holiday story with beautiful puppets, elegant sets and a glorious musical score. Sat/Sun 11am. Weekdays: Dec 26-29. \$12 and up. For ages 4 & up. The Arts Barn, Gaithersburg. 301-258-6394.

DEC 8-10, 15-17—Enjoy the full-length, traditional ballet about **Clara and the Nutcracker Prince**. Show times vary. \$18 and up. Metropolitan Ballet Theatre and Academy at Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center Montgomery College, Rockville. 301-762-1757.

DEC 22, 23, 26-30—This **Nutcracker Ballet** is staged and choreographed by Michelle Lees, winner of multiple Metro DC Dance Awards. Show times vary. \$20 and up. Maryland Youth Ballet at Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Montgomery College, Rockville. 301-279-5301.

Family Theater

DEC 1-10—**The Little Prince.** Call for dates and times. \$25-\$55. Round House Theatre, Bethesda. 240-644-1100.

DEC 1-31—**Cinderella.** Call for dates and times. \$39-\$44. Kids half-price. Olney Theatre Center, Olney. 301-924-4485.

DEC 1-JAN 14—**Junie B. Jones & A Little Monkey Business.** For ages 4 and up. 12:30 and 3:30pm. \$10-\$20. Sign interpreted Performance: 12/17, 3:30pm. Imagination Stage, Bethesda. 301-280-1660.

DEC 2-JAN 15—**The Snow Queen**, based on the Hans Christian Anderson Fable. Sat-Sun: 12/2 -1/13, 2pm. \$12 and up. **Best of Broadway**, a night of music from classic Broadway shows. Fri-Sat: 12/1-15, 8pm. \$14 and up. The Arts Barn, Gaithersburg. 301-258-6394.

DEC 1-30—**Radish Rabbit and the Dangerous Mugwump and Chicken Little Too!** Thursdays: 12/1-14, 10-11am. \$5. For pre-K – 2nd grade. **The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.** 12/16-30. Dates and times vary. \$8. Adventure Theatre, Glen Echo Park. 301-320-5331.

Holiday Arts

NOV 29-DEC 29—**Family Holiday Gift-Making Class, One Day Camps and More.** Projects include pottery, sewing, pop-up cards and holiday ornaments. Call for dates, times. Create Arts Center, Silver Spring. 301-588-2787.

DEC 2—**Holiday Happening**, a juried craft show with over 100 artists and crafters displaying their works. 10am-4pm. FREE. Montgomery County Department of Recreation at Bauer Drive Community Center, 14625 Bauer Drive, Rockville. 301-468-4015.

Family Fun

DEC 2-JAN 7—Visit the **Winter Conservatory Display & Train Exhibit** 10-5pm daily, FREE. **Enjoy the Garden of Lights**, a winter garden walk with 700,000 lights at night. \$15/car or van, 5:30-9:00pm, last car admitted at 8:30pm. Music, art exhibits at the Visitor Center, and unique gardening gifts. Brookside Gardens, Silver Spring. 301-962-1453.

DEC 8-9—**Winter Wonderland** festivities with FREE events celebrating the holiday season. **Winter Concert** at Imagination Stage (12/8) 7:30 pm. FREE. **Ice Sculpting Presentation** at Bethesda's Veterans Park with entertainment, refreshments and visit from Santa

Claus (12/9). 1-4 pm. FREE. Bethesda Urban Partnership, Bethesda. 301-215-6660.

DEC 13—**Santa's Workshop and Cookie Swap.** Bake four dozen of you favorite Cookies, three dozen to trade, one dozen to share on site. 6-8:30pm. FREE. Damascus Community Center, Damascus. Montgomery County Recreation Department. 240-777-6930.

Holidays of Yesterday

DEC 2-30—**Holly Trolley Fest.** Ride with Santa aboard the street cars and see toy trains in operation. 5-9pm. Exhibits FREE. \$3-\$4. National Capital Trolley Museum, Colesville. 301-384-6088.

DEC 3—**Holiday Tree Lighting at the Waters House** featuring Santa's arrival on a horse-drawn wagon, holiday music, refreshments for all. 4:30pm. FREE. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to give to area charities. Waters House, Germantown. Montgomery County Historical Society. 301-340-2825.

DEC 5-31—**Holiday Tours of the Beall-Dawson House.** Displays of toys from the past and homemade decorations. Hot cider and cookies for all. 12-4pm. \$2-\$3. Beall-Dawson House, Rockville. Montgomery County Historical Society. 301-340-2825.

Chanukah Celebrations

DEC 10—**Hands-On Chanukah Celebration** (for age 6-11) with Chanukah games, making latkes and creating a Chanukah craft. Sufganiot served for snack! Registration required by Dec 8. Celebration from 1-3 pm. \$8 and up. **Klezmer Dance Party** featuring the Machaya Klezmer Band. 3pm. FREE to all. Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, Rockville. 301-881-0100.

Neighborhoods & Towns

NOV 24-DEC 31—**Winter Lights Festival** featuring more than 380 illuminated vignettes and 65 animated displays in Seneca Creek State Park. Closed 12/25. Sun-Thurs: 6-9 pm. \$10 per car. Fri-Sat: 6-10 pm. \$12 and up. **Jingle Jubilee** (12/2) featuring tree lighting, children's choir, sing-along, and Santa. 6-8 pm. FREE. City Hall Pavilion, Gaithersburg. 301-258-6350.

DEC 15-24—Celebrate with the **Old Takoma Winter Holiday Festivities**, including FREE nightly music events from 6:30 to 7:15pm at the Gazebo and Ecco Park; shops open late with refreshments. For daily events go to: www.takomaon-line.com. Old Takoma Business Association. 240-253-4229.



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